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URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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POLICY FOR STREET HAWKERS AND VENDORS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of street hawkers and vendors living below the poverty line;

(b) the authority regulating street hawkers and vendors in the country;

(c) whether there is a National Policy for street hawkers and vendors;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, whether the Government propose to introduce laws regulating hawkering activity in order to safeguard the interests of hawkers and vendors; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)to(f): Street hawkers and vendors are regulated by the Municipal Bodies of States as per the relevant provisions of their Municipal Laws. As the Municipal Laws areat variance from State to State, a uniform Law for regulation of hawkers and vendorsdoes not exist. Municipal Administration is a State Subjectand States are free to make laws as per local requirements. At present there is no National Policy for street hawkersand vendors. Data pertaining to the number of street hawkers and vendors living below the poverty line is not separetly maintained.